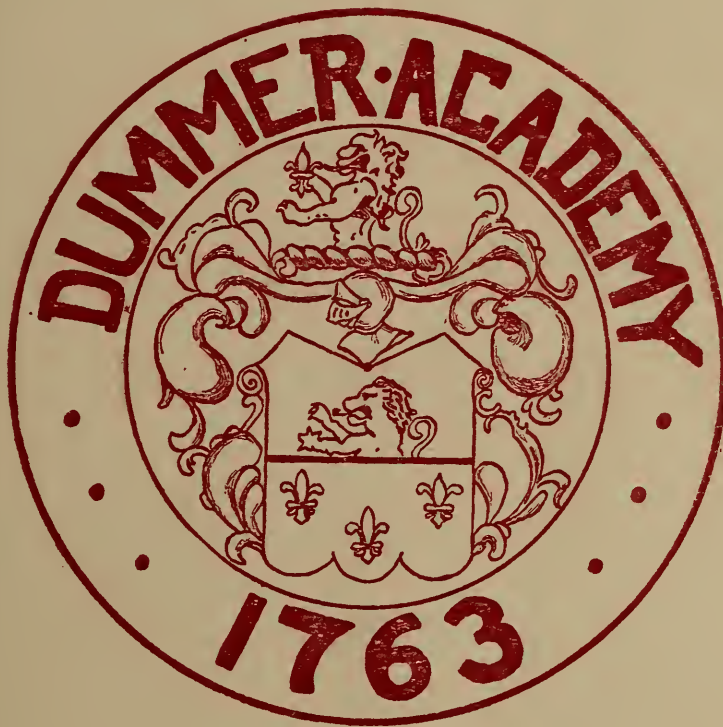


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# LITERARY

## IN PHYSICS LAB

### IN PHYSICS LAB.

When you come to Physics class,  
 You hear much noise and awful "sass."  
 You hear Victor (we call him "Spain")  
 Asking for the inclined plane.  
 Or perchance that little car,  
 And also, maybe, a Leyden jar.  
 "Tweed" Woodward shouts to his old  
 pal,  
 "Bring along a magnet, Al."  
 Then Bob Nutter calls for zinc  
 And carbon and a glass from "Clink."  
 Or Pino for some stoppers asks  
 For his specific gravity flasks.  
 Someone's making such a rumpus  
 Over that pesky dipping compass.  
 Johnstone seeks a Daniel cell,  
 Some wire and a 'lectric bell.  
 Wheeler cries for a vacuum pump,  
 And drops his "lab" book with a  
 thump.  
 Rowell hunts for a Davy lamp,  
 The kind they use in fire-damp.  
 Then in comes Mr. Von Fabrice  
 With "Too much noise around there  
 iss."  
 And when by chance he chances in,  
 The class soon stops its slangy din.  
 D. S. L., '17.



## REMEMBER ME

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I need not sully this narrative with my actual appellation. Let it suffice that I am a "killer," a perpetrator of the most heinous crimes, a fiend guilty of the most unpardonable transgressions, a devil in the basest sense of the term. Yea, I even believe I am the reincarnation of Satan, a transmigration of the Evil One. My almost intolerable career has been one prolonged strife between my own will and the Satanic impulses which are forever near to menace me, a titanic struggle between will and soul. Yet I hope, I pray for the remission of my iniquities.

One night, I know not how long ago, though it seems but last eve, I sat in my dimly lighted chamber, drowning my fears in drink. Without the staunch aid of the devil's brew, I could never have committed my atrocious crimes. Now I realized that, my brain benumbed by the liquor, I could creep without fear into the night with my companions, whom I expected at every tick of the clock, on another hazardous search for plunder and possibly human blood.

Crime was a pleasure to me. I needed not the loot and pillage I stole.

As I sat thus dissolute, dissipated, a strange sensation crept over me and clutched my mind. Vaguely I felt another presence. I might have abruptly wheeled about to investigate my feeling, but for the seeming folly of my convictions. For many moments I sat debating with my back the object of an imagined gaze. I attempt-

ed vainly to laugh away my petty fears.

Suddenly I did swing about, so deeply impressed with my sensation that I cried out in a wild voice, "Who are you? Speak before I flog you for your audacity!"

The sight which met my bewildered eyes staggered me. I stared in unbelieving terror at the spectre. There stood a man, or what seemed more like a phantom of a man. The figure, garbed in immaculate white, stood motionless, hands outstretched. The countenance was hard, grim-lined, but with a wondrous radiance which proclaimed its bearer almost celestial.

I cowered and shrank back from the ghostly form. In horror I saw it near me, glide toward me. Then with a mighty effort I stood erect facing it. I believed for a moment the influence of the drink had crazed me. In a blasphemous oath I damned it, ordered it to exit.

Ruthlessly it continued to approach.

"Stand back, stand back, I say! Don't you touch me! I command you to go!" I shrieked in utter horror.

I hurled myself against the wall, seized a candle from the mantle and poised it in rage above my head. Then, swaying unsteadily, I dashed it at the spectre. To my terror it merely passed through the form. Realizing the folly of contesting with such a ghost, I surrendered myself to its will.

Then, both hands outstretched, it stood before me. I shrank back in agonistic fear. I declare, I swear, that those hands had been pierced through;

pierced with the cruel nails of the cross.

Was it, could it be— No, no, no! I battered my head with my clenched fists in frenzy at the thought. Yet, there he stood, rigid, motionless. Yes, I swear it was the spirit of the crucified thief!

I fell prostrate before him. Although merely a shadow, with marvelous strength he lifted me.

In a voice that I myself could not have recognized as my own, I cried between my gnashing teeth, "Art thou the Good Thief?"

A clear, kind voice, which seemed to issue from thin air, answered: "I am the spirit of the crucified penitent. You know why I have left the realms above. I have come to rescue you. Repent! Repent! I can say no more."

I felt the weight of his hand upon my head, then the figure disappeared. I beat my breast, and for the first time since my childhood day, uttered a prayer.

Suddenly I heard a thud upon my chamber door. My companions! What could I do? I threw myself against the entrance.

"Edgar Mortimer," I heard a gruff voice whisper.

"It is I." I answered on the impulse of the moment.

I felt the door being moved.

"You shall not enter. You shall not!" I shrieked.

"Open this door!"

"I tell you I am through. I am going straight."

With a crash the door was burst from its hinges. I fled to a corner. My wild-eyed fellow ruffian stared in anger. "Through? You fool—"

I produced my automatic, pressed the trigger, and fired. He crumpled to the floor, moaning.

"You traitor!" he snarled, "You've killed me."

I dashed from the horrible scene into the damp, dingy street, and fled. I plunged on through the streets madly, on, and on. A cabman was dozing in his seat. I pitched him over and raced wildly away.

Oh, I cannot recall all the mad episodes of that wild flight. But at length I reached foreign shores, but only to pray and to fear.

Now, in this, my last hour, I kneel in fear before the Lord, my Maker, and cry in penitence, "Lord, remember me."

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Sons of Dummer, if you're loyal,  
There's a message you should bear  
Through the world of men and women,  
Whereso'er your feet may fare.

There's a school in pleasant Byfield,  
Dummer is its ancient name;  
Old in honor, young in vigor,  
And its sons still bring it fame.

Purpose high and faithful service  
Mark its broad and noble plan;  
Wise control and threefold training  
Help to make the Boy a Man.

W. F. DURGIN,  
17 Hamilton St., Brockton, Mass.

## THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT OF A SHOE-SHINE

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It was a hot, sultry afternoon in mid-July; the three men in Coulter's law office sighed simultaneously, and then resumed their fanning. There was not a breath of life in the street, but an indistinguishable murmur rose above the drone to the ears of the perspiring men. Three or four blocks away a vender of strawberries could be heard, but his monotonous cries only added to the misery of the three men.

Down the lifeless street came a young man stepping briskly, and the three men pricked up their ears, mentally agreeing that here, at last, was something alive and worth watching. The young man's lively step increased and, casting a contemptuous glance in upon the sleeping tradesfolk, he turned the corner of the street and stepped into a shoe-shine parlor. A few minutes later he emerged from the shop, and head tossed proudly to one side,

walked back in the direction whence he came.

Upstairs in the law office the three men felt a thrill of returning life shoot through their veins; their muscles quivered with life, and their brains leaped into action. Without a word they turned and left the office, entered their own rooms, and busied themselves with renewed vigor in their tasks. Farther up the street one person after another was in turn surprised, awed, and ashamed upon viewing the young man's vigorous step and actions; each dawdler became a spirited walker, each loafer an industrious laborer. The innocent cause of all this action and awakening advanced with ever quickening step and heart-beat to the piazza step upon which sat his fiancée.

Such a physical awakening in the dreamy town of Sleepvale was the psychological effect of a shoe-shine!



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## EDITORIAL

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Here we are on the home stretch and everyone is happy in spite of the shadows cast over our land by this great war. First of all, fellows, is to support your ball team. This year we have exceptionally good material. The practice game in Haverhill was a great success and also the game against the faculty. In Sawyer we have a good, steady pitcher and by the looks of the rest of the team he is bound to get good backing up. The two veterans of the outfield, Rowe and Woodward, are showing their old time form. Minami, our friend from Japan, is showing up well in the outfield also as a substitute third baseman. Let us all give them a cheer and back them up if we can't help on the field, get out to those games and show some real, live "pep."

Then again, in the social line we have two dances to look forward to. The first one is to be run April 28 by a very able committee. I understand they are to spring quite a few sur-

prises and also show us a real time. Here's wishing them the best of success. Then for the Senior Dance; remember the date, May 26. Don't forget that's the big dance of the year. The committee is already working on their plans to give you all a good time. So, fellows, date up your girls for these important dates, April 28 and May 26.

Lastly, fellows, don't forget about the prize offered by the ARCHON. There is still a chance left. So far there are only four contestants. Why not liven up a little in the next issue and give us a job to pick the winner? We intend to make our next number the banner number. Get in on this and help us out and you may all be the winner. If you can't write a story send us an original poem of some kind. The judges of the contest are Dr. Ingham, Mr. Von Fabrice, and Mr. Farrell, all members of our esteemed faculty.

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On Wednesday morning, March 21, Mr. T. B. Kidner, a friend of Mrs. E. T. Hemmeon, who is a director of hospital commissions in Canada, gave us a talk on the work that his country was doing in the European war. He took most of the first period, telling us of the many sights he had seen in the hospitals and how the Canadian government was teaching its wounded soldiers different trades so that they would be able to earn a living after the war.

Mr. Kidner came to the United States for the purpose of getting teachers to help in this work which has proved to be such a great success.

The Junior Dance came this year on the day preceding the spring vacation, Thursday, March 22.

The gymnasium was well decorated with banners, cozy corners, and Japanese lanterns, although some of the decorations did not arrive in time for the dance.

The committee was "Dug" Francis,

"Izzy" Sawyer, and "Al" Fuller.

The dance started sharply at 8 o'clock with "Yard by Yard." Jordan's Orchestra rendered the music in a very "pepy" manner.

The last "moonlight" was played at eleven-thirty with everyone feeling that they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

The matrons present were Mrs. C. S. Ingham, Mrs. Roger Upham, Mrs. F. M. Burke, and Mrs. E. T. Hemmeon.

### LECTURE.

Mr. Copley Green gave the school a very interesting talk on Tuesday evening, April 17. He told us of his many experiences while driving a Red Cross ambulance and visiting hospitals in France. Among the several souvenirs which he brought back was a medal similar to the kind which the German government gave to the men who sank the Lusitania. During the lecture he showed us stereopticon

views which he had taken while in Europe.

Mr. Green, who intends to go back to his work in France in a few days, was indeed kind to tell us about the life in that country and we all wish our neighbor the very best of luck on his return voyage.

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During the past month many of the alumni have visited the school. Harold Coleman, '14, was the first to come back. He has enlisted in the Coast Guard as a gunner, but was able to leave his work and spend a week-end with us. John Skeelee, '15, who has left Yale to join the Naval Reserve, also spent a few days with us and Robert Chandler, '12, who has just returned from France, where he has been driving an ambulance, gave the school a very interesting talk on his experiences abroad. Fred Goodwin, '16; Clayton Spencer, '16, and Arthur Havlin, '15, were present at the Senior Dance on May 26.

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### BIRD LECTURE.

On Saturday evening, June 2, the Rev. George A. Bushee of the Byfield Parish Church, gave a stereopticon lecture on birds. The talk was delivered in the gymnasium and a good sized attendance was interested in learning more of the life and habits of the birds which inhabit this section of the country.

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### THE SENIOR PROM.

The Senior Prom. was held this year on Saturday, May 26, and proved to be a most decided success. The gymnasium was decorated in a unique manner, the decorations being carried out in green and white, the class colors. A canopy of woven paper ribbons formed the ceiling and here and there Japanese lanterns were hung.

The cosy corner was unusually prominent, being decorated with pine boughs and cherry blossoms, while on the opposite wall was draped the American flag surrounded by the flags of the Allies. Then, too, there were many college banners and other decorations.

The dance orders were inside leather folders, the men's being cigarette cases and the ladies' card cases.

Jordan's orchestra of four pieces furnished the music which was very "peppy" and much enjoyed. At intermission ice cream and cake were served.

The matrons were Mrs. Charles S. Ingham, Mrs. Hermen L. Beaver, Mrs. Walter H. Bentley, Mrs. George F. Degen, and Mrs. Clifford M. Tyler.

The Seniors on the committee were: Alfredo Pino-Suarez, Clarence Reynolds, Karl Herzer, and Abner Beaver.

About thirty-five couples were present and everyone agreed that this dance was not only the biggest, but the best that has been held in school during the past year.

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### PREPAREDNESS.

The Dummer Academy Company, consisting of six squads of eight men each, did its "bit" on Memorial Day, when it extended its services to the city of Newburyport by marching in the parade in that town. Sergeant T. R. Covey of Boston led our boys who received a great deal of applause from the spectators. A special car conveyed the men to Newburyport.

Several days ago Dr. Ingham received a letter from the G. A. R. headquarters of Newburyport extending sincere thanks to us for the assistance that we rendered in the observance of Memorial Day and congratulating us on our very military bearing and appearance.

A subscription was taken recently for the benefit of the Red Cross. It is to be used in buying material for bandages which, in turn, will be used

in dressing the wounds of our soldiers.

The whole school responded generously and about thirty-five dollars was collected.

## ATHLETICS

### INTERMURAL MEET.

On March 20, a few days after the completion of our new board track, it was decided to have an intermural track meet. Much enthusiasm was shown and fully fifty per cent of the school entered. The contestants, as is the usual custom, were divided into three sections, the Junior, Intermediate, and Seniors.

First on the program came the twenty-yard dash for the Juniors, won by Brown. The events after this, including the dashes, high jump, shot put, and long distance run, followed in regular order. Those contesting in the events were given points, the number of which were limited according to the position won.

For the Seniors, Nutter won with a total of 30 points, for the Intermediate, Saunders with 24 and the Juniors, Brown with 18. The records established are considered as official and will hold as school records until officially broken.

The following is a list of the records and record holders:

#### SENIOR

Event	Record	Holder
20 yd dash, 2 2-5 sec.,		Nutter
300 yd. dash, 40 2-5 sec.,		Nutter

600 yd. dash, 1 min. 36 sec.,	Kramer
1000 yd. run, 3 min. 5 3-5 sec.,	Kramer
1 mile run, 5 min. 51 sec.,	Kramer
Running high jump, 4 ft. 8 in.,	Nutter
Shot put, 32 ft. 10 in.,	Nutter
Running broad jump, 15 ft. 10 in.,	Nutter

#### INTERMEDIATE

Event	Record	Holder
20 yd. dash, 2 3-5 sec.,		Macmahon
110 yd. dash, 15 3-5 sec.,		Saunders
300 yd. dash, 48 sec.,		Saunders
600 yd. dash, 1 min. 55 2-5 sec.,		Worcester
1000 yd. run, 3 min. 20 sec.,		Macmahon
Running high jump, 4 ft. 1 in.,		Bumstead
Shot put, 27 ft. 6 in.,		Saunders
Running broad jump, 11 ft. 5 in.,		Worcester

#### JUNIOR

Event	Record	Holder
20 yd. dash, 3 1-5 sec.,		Brown
110 yd. dash, 17 2-5 sec.,		Clifford
300 yd. dash, 50 sec.,		Clifford
600 yd. dash, 2 min. 1 1-5 sec.,		Hellier
Running high jump, 4 ft. 1 in.,		Wetmore
Shot put, 18 ft. 3 in.,		Swett
Running broad jump, 12 ft. 8 in.,		Brown



However, more credit was given to Newburyport than due. It was generally supposed by the judges that each of their men ran the four laps, but both teams missed out, on one lap. This, of course, made it a fair race between the two teams, but not between the other opponents.

Other entries were made, in the 1000 yd. and the 20 yd. dashes. Nutter showed up finely in the 20 yd. dash and actually won the semi-finals, but was disqualified for an unknown reason. Kenny, running in the 1000 yd., was forced to drop out. Knowles was scheduled to run in the one mile, but later it was thought to be an unwise plan, the time being unsuited.

DUMMER, 0; DANVERS H. S., 8.

On April 25 the second home game was played with Danvers. The weather was fine, but the team didn't seem to get into it. Many bases were stolen by the visiting team and our team lost control of the ball from the first. Sawyer did good work in pitching and succeeded in striking out nine men. The game lasted a full nine innings.

The final score was 8 to 0 in favor of Danvers.

The lineup was as follows:

DANVERS	DUMMER
F. Vaughn, R. Vaughn, p, Sawyer	
Parker, 1b .....	1b, Herzer
Welch, 2b .....	2b, Smith
Hopkins, ss .....	ss, Nutter
Fox, 3b .....	3b, Ackerman
Creehore, c .....	c, Reynolds
Woodbury, lf .....	lf, Rowe
F. Vaughn, R. Vaughn, cf, Woodward	

Woodman, rf ..... rf, Minami  
Runs: Creehore 2, Welch, Woodman, F. Vaughn, R. Vaughn, Woodbury, and Hopkins.

Two-base hits: F. Vaughn. Double plays: Woodward to Smith. Umpire, Mr. Evans.

ESSEX COUNTY TRACK MEET

Although the Essex County Track Meet occurred some time ago, it has not yet been possible to give a full account of what took place.

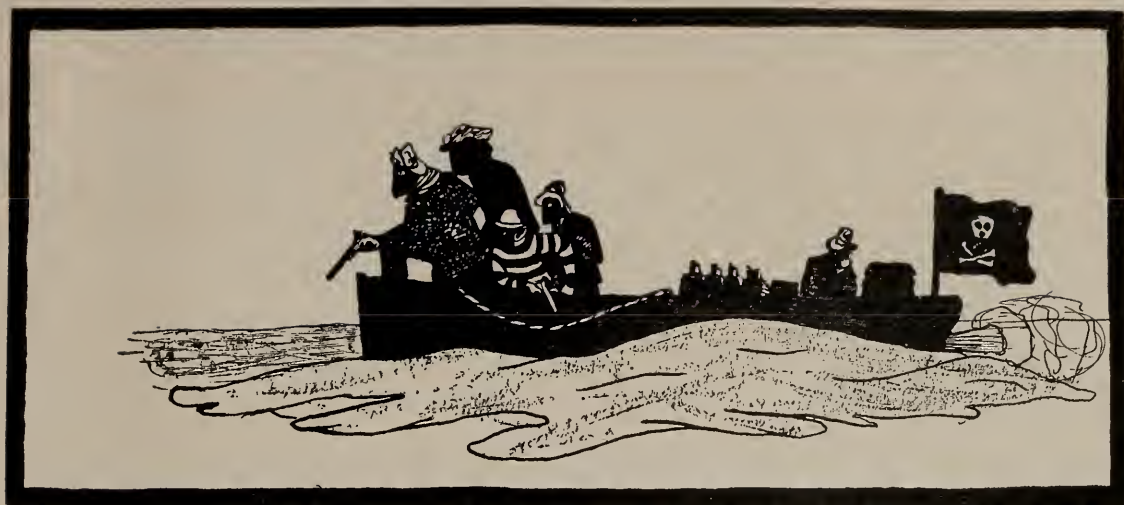
The meeting was held in Lynn Classical High gymnasium and many schools of high standing were represented. Our representation was a relay team consisting of Nutter, Reynolds, Knowles, and Kramer. Our opponents being Newburyport. Nutter started the race with Reynolds, Knowles, and Kramer following respectively. And although the team fought with much vigor and spirit, the Newburyport group won by a fair margin.

TEAM, 11; FACULTY, 1.

Owing to the fact that no game could be arranged for April 19 a game was gotten up between the regular team and the faculty. The game was played in the morning and owing to shortness of time only seven innings were played. The team started with two runs in the first and kept up the good work throughout.

The final score was 11 to 1 in favor of the team. Umpires, Dr. Ingham, Tyler





## LOCALS

Mr. Evans: "Herzer, what can you tell me of the age of Elizabeth."

Herzer (Dreamily): "She'll be nineteen her next birthday."

Mr. Farrell (In the first French class to be held after vacation): "We will continue with the feminine for practice."

Kenny: "We've just had ten days of that."

Mr. Evans to Williams, who was leaning out of the window one rainy day: "Willie, you'd better pull in your head; it might shrink."

Rowe: "Is the gun working?"

Kramer: "No, it was discharged."

Waring: "I believe I'll send a French letter to some soldier in France."

Mr. Farrell: "You hadn't better, they're having troubles enough now."

J. Pino: "I just saw Alfred Fuller and he said I had grown fatter over vacation."

Mr. Von: "Well, that's natural; you were looking Fuller in the face."

Tyler: "Did you get a report on your exams?"

Nutter: "No, I got an explosion."

Mr. Farrell: "What position do you want to play in baseball?"

Wentworth: "Batter."

Mr. Lacroix: "A ship was once built on the Rowley Common."

Beaver: "What kind of a ship was it?"

Kramer: "A common ship, of course."

Malcolm Smith: "What's the ending of the second person plural in French?"

Mr. Farrell: "Why, that's 'E Z.'"

Mr. Horne: "Do you know that much Kramer?"

Kramer (Shyly): "Yes, sir; a little more, too."

Dr. Ingham gave us a very lucid description of an ancient chariot the other day as follows: "It's a low-necked affair, very low in the back and you just step into it and drive off, like a milk wagon."

Try this backwards or forwards. It runs either way: "Red root put up to order."

Mr. Farrell (After being questioned recently by a young lady in regard to Mills' French): "Yes, John has a wonderful Irish pronunciation of French."

Mr. Evans in Eng. IV: "Explain the sentence, 'A young man was panting for one and twenty.'"

Bright Pupil: "It means that the young man was paying twenty-one shillings a month on keeping his pants pressed."

Johnny: "Ever hear about the man who ran over himself?"

Inquisitive One: "How could a man do that?"

Johnny: "His car stopped; there there was no one around to get gas for him, so he had to run over himself."

Teacher: "Have you ever been tonsured?"

Pupil: "Yes, I've had my tonsils taken out."

In Latin IV: "Varium et mutabile semper femina. 'A thing of moods and changes is woman ever.'"

Mr. Evans: "That's one of the most famous quotations in the book. Virgil said a huge mouthful then."

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Abner Morey Beaver, "Buzzy," born February 5, 1897, Norwood, Mass. Entered September, 1914. Corporal in Dummer Cadet Corps; Archon Board, three years; Editor-in-Chief of Archon 1916-17; Entertainment Committee, two years; President of Junior Class, 1916; Honor Roll. Pastime — Keeping out of trouble. Robert Kramer, "Bob," born June 2, 1897, Winchester, Mass.

Corporal in Dummer Cadet Corps; Captain Track Team, two years; Football Team.

Pastime — Midnight frolics.

Donald La Croix, "Peepus," born August 19, 1899, Byfield, Mass.

Scientific Farmer.

Pastime — Boxing.

Clarence Leslie Reynolds, "Clink," born May 9, 1898, Amsterdam, N. Y. Entered September, 1915; Corporal Dummer Cadet Corps; President of Class, 1917; Basketball Team; Football Team; Track Team; Archon Board.

Pastime — Home horse doctor.

Victor Ruiz Echevarria, "Vic," born July 12, 1899, Gomez Palacio, Durango, Mexico.

Honor Roll; Football Team; Track Team.

Pastime — Burying his clothes.

Julian Dexter Smith, "Smithy," born January 8, 1900, Ipswich, Mass.

Corporal in Dummer Cadet Corps; Baseball Team; Manager Football Team; Honor Roll.

Pastime — "Strafing" rabbits.

Alfredo Pino-Suarez, "Pino," born August 16, 1899, Merida, Mexico.

Entered September, 1914; Corporal in Dummer Cadet Corps; Honor Roll; English Prize, 1916; History Prize, 1915.

Pastime — Mexican Sports.

Karl Pierce Herzer, "Herz," born December 23, 1897, Hartford, Conn. Entered October, 1916; Corporal in Dummer Cadet Corps; Football Team; Baseball Team; Business Manager of the Archon; Honor Roll. Pastime — Catching flies.

Hardee Johnstone, "Johnny," born June 1, 1898, New York City. Entered September, 1915; Basketball Team, two years; Football Team; Secretary of Class; Archon Board.

Pastime — Hunting rats, musk and house.



The Mirror: Please do not call us the "Anchor" (Archon) because we are bound to rise.

Senior: Why put jokes under the head of Exchanges? It spoils the appearance of your paper.

Alpha: Very good paper until we get to about page twelve, when you begin to divide the space between advertisements and subject matter. This lowers the quality of your paper.

Kodak: We wish to compliment the young lady who designed the cover. We thank you for your comment. Our "Local Cut" has puzzled us. Our only solution is that it must be "Deep Stuff." Think it over.

Academy Herald: We note our name among the list of your exchanges, but where oh where is our comment gone. Very well arranged paper.

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*The Qualis*, New Brunswick, N. J.  
*Halo*, Low and Heywood School, Stamford, Conn.  
*The Garnet and White*, Chester High School, West Chester, Pa.  
*Lasell Leaves*, Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, Mass.  
*The Review*, Lowell High School, Lowell, Mass.  
*The Mirror*, Emerson High School, West Hoboken, N. J.  
*The Students Pen*, Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield, Mass.

*The Vexillum*, Volkmann School, Boston, Mass.  
*The Record*, Girls High School, Louisville, Ky.  
*The Oak, Lily, and Ivy*, Milford High School, Milford, Mass.  
*The Buzzer*, Avalon High School, Avalon, Pa.  
*The Heminica*, Red Wing Seminary, Red Wing, Minn.  
*The Orange and Blue*, Town of Union High School, Pa.  
*The Academy Journal*, Norwich Free Academy, Norwich, Conn.  
*The Tattler*, Nashua High School, Nashua, N. H.  
*The Maze*, The May School, Marlboro, St., Boston.  
*The Early Trainer*, Essex County Training School, Lawrence, Mass.  
*The Vermont Pioneer*, Randolph Center, Vt.  
*The Clarion*, West Hartford High School, West Hartford, Conn.  
*Kodak*, Everett, Washington.  
*Chaos*, Detroit University School, Detroit, Mich.  
*Alpha*, New Bedford High School, New Bedford, Mass.  
*The Advocate*, New Brunswick High School, New Brunswick, N. J.  
*The Senior*, Westerly, R. I.  
*The Beacon*, The High School Chester, Chester, Mass.  
*The Transcript*, Louisville Collegiate School, Louisville, Ky.





The fund now being raised towards the expense of the new athletic field is mounting steadily and we ought to have enough to assure actual work on the field this summer if the response is as liberal as it should be. It is up to the alumni and other friends of the school to "do their bit" and forward contributions as soon as possible. So far about eight hundred dollars has been paid in and pledged. It will take two thousand at least to make the improvements desired. The first plan of having the new field near the Moody house has been given up as it would cost too much money. The diamond and playing field now used will be graded and filled in and other improvements made and a first class playstead, it is expected, will be the result. In all probability bleachers will be erected, something that has been needed for many years, and dug-outs for the players of opposing teams. It is planned to shift the diamond so that the sun will not bother so badly as it does at present. In Sawyer, the Dummer nine apparently has a reliable pitcher, and it is certainly up to the former students of the school to show that they are backing the boys in their athletic activities by money and personal inter-

est. There are hundreds who could make contributions even if only a small amount.

The other day the members of the Dummer baseball squad practiced against Haverhill High at Haverhill and the showing made by the South Byfield youngsters was a wonderful one, the team doing far better than the High School lads. If any score could be recorded officially, Dummer would have won the contest by a good margin, but as it was only practice, the results were not given out publicly. Not only did the practice help both teams in their playing, but it benefited the academy by showing that the South Byfield school was very much on the map in athletics this year. The Dummer boys surprised Haverhill residents by their excellent showing. They were full of life and "pep." The plan of having Haverhill High and Dummer Academy practice together was inaugurated last fall when the football teams of the two schools had a session or two at the Haverhill stadium. This worked so well that Dummer was invited by Manager Arthur Connell of the Haverhill High baseball team to send its baseball team to the shoe city. The idea has been very beneficial to both schools.



It has helped each one participating and brought the two schools closer together. Coach Reagan has reason of feeling proud of the way the boys conducted themselves at Haverhill. If the team keeps it up there will be more "glad days" ahead for the school. Dummer cannot have too much of the right kind of publicity and this was one of the methods in which the school is entitled to be "boomed," "boosted," and "boasted of."

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The query has been raised as to who is the oldest alumnus of Dummer Academy living today. Probably Joseph Withington of Mattoon, Ill., who attended the academy in 1847 holds this honor. Mr. Withington is a former resident of Newbury. His brother Nathan W. Withington, who died in Newburyport about two years ago at an advanced age also attended the school in the 40's. The Withington family have had numerous representatives at Dummer, including the late Lothrop Withington, one of the world's greatest genealogists, who went to his death on the Lusitania when that ill-fated ship was sunk by a German submarine boat during the present war. One of the family, who was also a student, is Hon. David Withington of Honolulu, H. I., a lawyer of note.

Mr. William Wheelwright, who was at Dummer in 1857, is the candidate of the Pacific coast for Minister to Japan. His experience and pleasant relations with the Japanese government make him not only very acceptable to the Japanese government, but give him exceptional qualifications for this important office.

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Warren F. Bickford, '68, of Muskogee, Okla., (Dummer has sons grown tall in Oklahoma as well as in prac-

tically every other state and territory in the Union) wrote a letter which was read at the annual dinner of the Sons at Boston last winter stating that he expected to visit Dummer some time next summer. It would be a good idea if many would follow his example, even if they are unable to stop more than long enough to look over the buildings from the campus. It would do them good to get a look at their old school occasionally and help Dummer as well. In altogether too many cases it is a case of absent treatment by us as far as helping the ancient institution is concerned.

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Milton Dodge, 1907, of Newburyport, now in the shoe business is seeking a patent which will be an improvement in one of the processes of shoe making. He generally attends the annual dinner of the Sons, but was unable to be at the last one because of a previous engagement to attend a wedding. It wasn't his own, by the way. That will come later.

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Among the old Dummer boys who have been doing their bit for Uncle Sam have been F. Russell Moseley, '07, of Boston, who is a member of the Boston battery; Eric Ambrose, son of Fred M. Ambrose, president of the trustees, who served in the regular army on the Mexican border during the crisis with Mexico; Edward Hoyt of Newburyport, who was a member of Co. F, 8th Mass. regiment, of Haverhill during the time the company was stationed in Texas along the Mexican border; Harold F. Coleman, '14, formerly of Haverhill, a member of the 6th Co. of the Mass. Artillery National Guard; Trueman Towne, '15, a member of the Minnesota Field Artillery, and John Robert Whitlock, '09, of Summit, N. J., who served last summer with Co. K, 7th

New York Infantry, of the National Guard. Undoubtedly there are a large number of others who have enlisted to serve their country since the United States declared that a state of war existed with Germany and the names and other information concerning Dummer boys who have responded to the call to arms would be welcomed by the writer. Dummer was almost an adult in years when the American Revolutionary War commenced, many of her sons serving their country faithfully in that vital conflict as was the case in every other great war in which the country was engaged. There is no doubt but what those who attended Dummer in yesteryear whose fortune it is to serve their country in the war with Germany will stand true and be loyal and energetic defenders of God, home, native land and (I do not believe it is sacriligious to add) Dummer, for the school stands for the highest patriotism and best standards of righteousness as exemplified in the golden rule.

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Reverting to letters from old time students which were read at the annual banquet last winter at the City Club, Boston, here are two which were particularly interesting and contain many notes of interest to those who hold Dummer most dear. They are from Ernest M. Carver, '09, Schenectady, N. Y.; John S. Hanley, '70, Norton, Mass. The letters read as follows:

NORTON, MASS., Feb. 19, 1917.

Mr. Croston,

Dear sir: I regret very much to say that I cannot attend your annual dinner at the Boston City Club, as I am not feeling any too well at present. That was a real boys' invitation you sent me. I went to Dummer in 1870, that is a long time ago, when you come to look back. Mr. Stanton was

Head Master at that time. Some of the boys who attended school that year were Frederick S. Moseley, Lamson & Hubbard, John Lamson, John Barrett, John Brick, John Pierce, Geo. Bird, and Joseph Dummer, every one of them a real boy, and I made friends with them all.

Yours very truly,

JOHN S. HANLEY, 1870.

No. 534 Summit Ave.,

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Feb. 21, 1917.

Mr. Geo. H. Croston, Haverhill, Mass.,

Dear sir: Wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your communication relative to the annual dinner of The Sons of Dummer. I regret more than words can express my inability to attend at this time. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to greet the old class mates and acquaintances, some of whom I have had no trace since leaving the old school.

As you doubtless know, I have been working as a Switchboard Inspector at the General Electric Co. At the beginning of the coming month I expect to enter a higher field, that of Switchboard Engineering. It will be a great deal different work, but the chances for advancement are greater. Everything is on a rush basis and while the warlike preparations are in progress we have to put in much overtime to keep up with the demands of customers for their orders. At present we are engaged in building the equipment for the electric propulsion of the battleship New Mexico. It will be one of the first ships so controlled.

I have already completed arrangements to visit Boston and vicinity some time in August, probably the last two weeks, perhaps I may be able to see some of the boys who live in that locality at that time. I have had very little news of old Dummer. I trust she prospers and may she be a

help and inspiration to others as she has been to me. I feel that whatever I may do or become I owe to my old Alma Mater, "D. A."

There are two other Dummer boys who have made good at the works. Perhaps you have some record of them for they have both left the Schenectady plant and gone to new fields. One, Robert Wesslehoeft, was for a time in Shanghai, China, from where he wrote to the Dummer News. He is a member of the "A.I.E.E." and could be reached through their Secretary. The other one is a fellow by the name of Joseph Crowe, who left this works some time in 1913 or 1914. I presume his address could be gotten through the secretary here. I think it might be found through Mr. W. F.

Story, who has charge of all office employes. G. E. Co., Building No. 2, will reach him. I trust that the above information will be of use to you in keeping your records. Both of the boys were at D. A. during 1899-1900, I think.

I should be pleased to hear from as many of the boys as care to write and will endeavor to reply. You will note that I have changed my residence since our last correspondence.

Remember me to all the fellows, and may you have a grand old get-together time. I shall think of you at that time.

Sincerely,

ERNEST M. CARVER, 1909,  
'Phone 457-M.

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